

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
March 8, 2006**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.*
William G. Bouie
Kevin J. Fay
Kenneth G. Feng
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler
George E. Lovelace
Gilbert S. McCutcheon
Winifred S. Shapiro

*Board Member Absent

Guests:

Dennis Conlon – White Park
Susan and Dick Carpenter – White Park
Alice and Neal Straker – White Park
Scott Wynn – County Attorney's Office
Jan Brody – County Attorney's Office

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Bob Brennan
Todd Johnson
Elisa Lueck
Cindy Messinger
Miriam Morrison
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

Ray Alexander
Peter Furey
Jatinder Kaur
John Lehman
Kay Rutledge
Bethany Timmes

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kane requested that I-3, Funding Update for Park Capital Construction Projects be deferred. With this change, Mr. Strickland announced that he would proceed with the Agenda as publicized. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board. NOTE: ADMIN 1 – Adoption of Minutes January 25, 2006 Park Authority Board Meeting was considered after the ACTION ITEMS**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

ADMIN 1 Adoption of Minutes -- January 25, 2006 Park Authority Board Meeting

This item was considered after the ACTION ITEMS.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Authorization to Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Revisions to the Park Authority Regulations Jointly with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

This item was reviewed by the Administration and Management Committee on February 22, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board authorize a public hearing to be held jointly with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority on the proposed revisions to the Park Authority Regulations; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-2 Allocation of Previously Appropriated Funds from General Park Improvement Projects

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 22, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the allocation of previously appropriated General Park Improvement funds to complete the following projects:

- Repair and repainting of the Burke Lake Train
- Replacement of the Fire Alarm System at George Washington RECenter
- Installation of an Ultra-Violet Light System on the George Washington RECenter Pool

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**ADMIN 1 Adoption of Minutes -- January 25, 2006 Park Authority Board Meeting**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the January 25, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Batten being absent. Being absent from the January 25, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Lovelace **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS**I-1 Update on the Comprehensive Fund Management Plan**

This item was reviewed by Budget Committee on February 22, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding Update on the Comprehensive Fund Management Plan. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

I-2 Park Authority Stewardship Update

This item was reviewed by Resource Management Committee on February 22, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding Park Authority Stewardship Update. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

I-3 Funding Update for Park Capital Construction Projects

This item was reviewed by Planning and Development Committee on March 8, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

This item was deferred.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- **Board Member Tour of Park Facilities**

Mr. Strickland distributed a schedule of park facilities tours for Board Members, which was prepared by Tim White. The tours will be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Mr. Strickland proposed that the Board Members that would like to participate in the tours should meet at the Herrity Building at 10 a.m. on the appropriate date. The first tour will take place on March 15, 2006 and the sites to be visited are Cub Run, Oak Marr, and Spring Hill RECenters.

- **2006 Park Authority Board Committee Assignments**

Mr. Strickland distributed his list of committee assignments, noting that two committees were merged and three additional committees were added. Mr. Strickland also distributed a document that explains the purpose of each committee. Mr. Strickland requested the Board Members to review the information and if any changes need to be made the Board would review the requests at the March 22, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting. Mr. Strickland noted that the By Laws dictate that Standing Committees have a maximum of seven members.

- **Planning Commission's Public Hearing on the FY 2007 – FY 2011 CIP Workshop**

Mr. Strickland reported that the Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on the FY 2007 - FY 2011 CIP Workshop on Thursday, March 9, 2006 in the Board of Supervisors' Auditorium. Lynn Tadlock and staff will be making a presentation on the CIP. Mr. Strickland reported that he had reviewed the presentation prepared for the meeting and that it looked good.

- **Park Authority Board Honored for Trail Work by Board of Supervisors**

Mr. Strickland reported that Supervisor Hyland has invited the Park Authority Board to attend the Board of Supervisor's meeting on March 27, 2006 for the purpose of being recognized for the agency's trail work. Mr. Strickland requested that as many Board Members as possible be present.

- **Public Meeting – Draft Master Plan Revision for Lee District Park**

In Mr. Batten's absence, Mr. Strickland announced that a public meeting for Lee District Park will be held at Mark Twain Middle School on March 15, 2006 at 7 p.m. Mr. Strickland asked that the Board show their support for Mr. Batten by attending the meeting.

- **Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony – Centreville Dog Park at the Quinn Farm Property**

Mr. Strickland invited Board Members to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Centreville Dog Park at the Quinn Farm property on March 18, 2006 at 11 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- **Appointment of Director of Park Operations Division**

Mr. Kane introduced Todd Johnson and announced that Todd is the new Park Operations Division Director. Mr. Kane stated that Todd has been with the Park Authority for 18 years.

Currently the Manager of the Laurel Hill Golf Club, Todd brings with him a diverse background from his years at Lake Fairfax Park, Lake Accotink Park, Lee District Park, South Run RECenter and Oak Marr RECenter. This experience will provide valuable insight from both a provider and customer perspective as Todd assumes the division leadership.

Todd also has critical experience with maintenance operations and athletic fields, as well as a proven track record of taking on difficult challenges and always meeting or exceeding expectations.

- **Appointment of Director of Human Capital Development and Services**

Mr. Kane also announced that Leslie Amiri has accepted the position of Director of Human Capital Development and Services replacing Curt Dierdorff. Leslie brings outstanding knowledge and experience to this position in the area of human resources and human capital management along with a passion for parks. Mr. Kane noted that he would formally introduce Leslie at the next Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE RECORD

NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting. Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority Board meeting each month.

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone had no Board Matters.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda had no Board Matters.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon reported that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations met and recommends that the North Hill site on Richmond Highway be made into a park. Supervisor Hyland notified Mr. McCutcheon and Mr. Kane that he is going to hold a public meeting on the matter. Mr. McCutcheon indicated that he would provide additional information as it became available.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro had no Board Matters.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng announced that Peter Furey and Burke Lake staff met with the Springfield Rotary Club. The Rotary adopted the disc golf course at Burke Lake Park and will also be making a substantial donation to the park.

Mr. Feng thanked Michael Rierson and his staff for meeting with Civil War enthusiasts at Ox Hill, who have a list of concerns about the site plan. Mr. Feng indicated that he feels that most of the issues were resolved and that the agency should be able to move forward. Mr. Feng thanked all the staff members for their expertise and their contributions to this project.

- **Kevin J. Fay**
Mr. Fay had no Board Matters.
- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**
Mr. Batten was absent.
- **Georgette Kohler**
Ms. Kohler reported that she attended a breakfast meeting with Chairman Connolly. In conversation, he noted that the Park Authority needs to find a way to bring down the cost of the synthetic fields and to shorten the process, and to make this a priority.
- **George E. Lovelace**
Mr. Lovelace had no Board Matters.
- **Harrison A. Glasgow**
Mr. Glasgow had no Board Matters.
- **William G. Bouie**
Mr. Bouie had no Board Matters.
- **There were no other BOARD MATTERS reported.**

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for

- a. Discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of this public body in **Providence Magisterial District** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2 – 3711(A)(3)
- b. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body for/in the **Dranesville Magisterial District** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2- 3711(A)(7)

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent.

- Update on Land Acquisition in the Providence District
- Discussion of Legal Matters in the Dranesville District

Land Acquisition and Legal Matters were discussed.

At 8:45 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent.

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

NOTE: For consistency in reporting and future research, the Administrative Assistant keeps all items in numerical order as discussed during Closed Session.

C-1 Update on Land Acquisition in the Providence District

This Planning and Development Committee item will return on March 22, 2006 for approval. There was no action on this item.

C-2 Discussion of Legal Matters in the Dranesville District

There was no action on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:46 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned;
SECONDED by Ms. Malone, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent.

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

Michael A. Kane, Director

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